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## Thank you for the honor



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Let me begin my first article as President of the Connecticut State Grange by thanking you for the confidence and honor to serve you, the membership of this State Grange. I will serve with respect and dignity, following in the footsteps of the outstanding Grange members who have served in this office before me. There will be a lot of fun and laughter to go along with the hard work and long hours at times. Not all decisions I will make will be popular, but please know this, they will be made with the best interest of you the MEMBERS of this State Grange as my guide.

This year will be one of changes, growth and fun. Some of the changes you can expect to see are not only in each department's programming, but also in our philosophy on communicating to our members and communities, membership development, membership and Grange sustainability and adding new Granges to our ranks. We will no longer be holding Pink Sash meetings as we have known them over the years. The State Grange Officers, Directors, General Deputy, Pomona Deputies and I will be meeting as a Leadership Team twice a year to strengthen our ability to represent each member of this State

Grange. We will be holding at least one "Rally" annually to educate, inspire and energize members, so mark your calendars for April 16, 2011; times, program and location to be announced.

We have changed some things around to streamline State Grange operations, we no longer have a Junior Deputy in each Pomona, we now have a Junior Committee. Their responsibilities are the same, and their work plentiful. It is the goal of the Junior Committee to have at least one Junior Grange in each Pomona by our State Convention in 2011. Very ambitious goal, but very obtainable! As long as we have a "host" Grange the rest is easy, just ask Hillstown Grange members, they have the newest Junior Grange in the State.

We have realigned the Information Committee and re-directed their focus to a Public Relations role. Therefore that is what that committee will

## Meet the new State Legislative Committee

*Alma Graham,  
Legislative Director*

Now that the State Grange session has just passed, we are on our way to a new Grange year. We are starting fresh with new officers and new committees. The Legislative Committee has a few changes, with a few old members remaining and some new ones joining us. The biggest change is that Gordon Gibson has stepped down as Chairman of the Legislative Committee after many years of service to this committee. Don't worry, he is not going far.

It is my honor to have been asked to be the new

Director of the Legislative Committee. I have been working with Gordon the last two years as a member of his committee. I am a member of Echo Grange in Mansfield of which I am a Past Master. I have also served as Past Master of Little River Grange and Quinebaug Pomona. I am also a former State Lady Assistant Steward and also have served as both Youth and Junior Directors for the State Grange. I am presently working at the University of Connecticut in Student Financial Aid Services. I have previously worked in the Connecticut House Republicans office

be titled going forward, Public Relations. They have already started to put together a comprehensive PR program that we will all benefit from. There will be changes in the Inspection and School of Instruction process as well, but it is not right for me to outline those details now as we will not have met with the entire Deputy Force prior to this being published. Once we have met I am sure your General Deputy will be communicating those changes to you through this paper and the Deputy Force.

There is a new Honor Grange system; it will be focused on sustainability, growth and Community Service. The entire details will be explained at the Schools of Instruction.

I am excited about our future, I know we can do it, I know we will do it. Please join me in this ride; it will be one none of us will soon forget.



State Pomona (now First Lady) Jodi Ann Cameron, State Flora Carol Hnath, and State Ceres (now Deputy of Excelsior Pomona) Eloise Osuch pose for a photograph following the conferral of the Sixth Degree on Friday evening.



Past Voting Delegate Ellsworth "Bud" Beecher, Camp Berger Trustee Linda Coad, and State Executive Comm. member (and Camp liaison) A. Ruel Miller pose for a photo following the presentation of the resolution naming the Director's Cabin at Camp Berger the "Ellsworth M. Beecher Cottage". The honor is in recognition of Brother Bud's contributions to the Camp over the years. In response Brother Bud said had he known this was going to happen he would have done a better job building the foundation for the cottage all those years ago.

in Hartford.

I would like to introduce our new committee and highlight their skills. Remaining with us is George Ward from Harmony Grange. He is a Past Master of Harmony, Farmill River and Fairfield County Pomona. He is a past Deputy of Pioneer

Pomona. He is also active in the Masons. George is a retired engineer who is certified in 3 states. George retired after 20 years as the Director of Marketing for a Norwalk Company. Dr. Charles Dimmick is also remaining on the committee. Charles

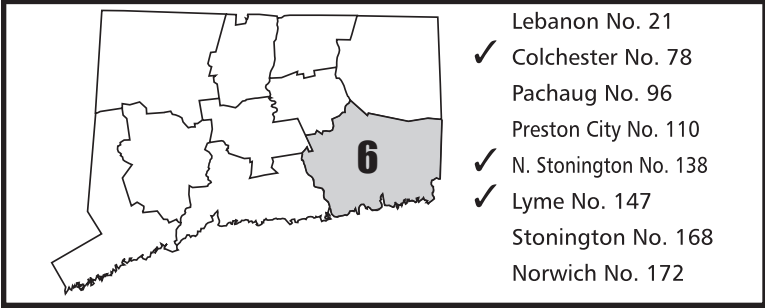
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# New London County Pomona No. 6



## NEW LONDON COUNTY POMONA #6

Corr: Nancy R. Weissmuller

**Dec. 9:** Silver Bells-Stonington Grange

Five members of New London County Pomona and one guest enjoyed a pleasant day at the Big E on "Grange Sunday", September 26th. They participated in the annual parade of Grangers that wends its way through the grounds at 5 P.M. Grangers from all six New England States march or ride on floats in this parade and it is quite a sight to see.

We are looking forward to celebrating the holidays at Stonington Grange in December. Debbie always plans a great program. Please come and neighbor with us.

The holidays are approaching fast

With goodies oh, so yummy.

I enjoy them all, from first to last,

To the loss of my once-trim tummy.

## COLCHESTER GRANGE #78

Corr: Joan Toomey

**Nov. 8:** 128 Norwich Ave., St. Andrew Hall, Colchester, CT, "Travel for the Holdiays"

The weather is getting colder, our wood pile is ready, the furnace cleaned, oil tank is full, apples and potatoes stored away in the root cellar and all canning and freezing done for the

year. Signs are everywhere that New England is ready for winter's frosty blast.

We voted not to have hot soup and crusty bread this year in January and March. I will miss it. Who knows we may offer a hot meal again sometime. It was extra work and I thank the other soup cooks, Polly and Jeff and all our Grangers who provided fresh bread, dessert and hot coffee. We indeed have the most wonderful Grange in the state. Everyone steps to the plate and pitches in. That's what a good Grange does. Come visit, enjoy refreshments and see what we are up to.

Did you notice our new Grange sign as you enter town. Many thanks to Ron Purinton and Dan Mutchler for donating the reflective meeting sign under the big metal sign. And thank you Jeff Watson for installing both signs.

A blessed Thanksgiving to all.

## NORTH STONINGTON GRANGE #138

Corr: Nancy R. Weissmuller

**Nov. 12:** I'd Like to Visit... Massachusetts Bay Colony  
**Nov. 26:** No Meeting... Happy Thanksgiving

Jody Cameron visited us on September 10 and gave a lively informative talk on the revitalization of the Grange. If everyone had Jody's energy and enthusiasm

The Grange would be the top organization in the country!

On September 24th we visited Italy. Perri Milligan and her daughter Meredith (our newest member) recently traveled to several cities in Italy. Perri described their visit, aided by wonderful visuals provided by Lecturer Sue Pianka. After the meeting Perri also shared two albums of pictures of a previous Italian trip she had taken with Meredith. Many thanks, Perri.

Our only meeting in November will take us on an imaginary trip to the Massachusetts Bay Colony. Sounds exciting! Won't you come and see? We will also be collecting food for our Thanksgiving baskets. In this time of need we really need your donations to this worthy cause. And if the gray squirrel in my yard doesn't pop from all the acorns he's been stuffing into his mouth, next time I'll tell you about out-of-this-world October.

## LYME GRANGE #147

**Nov. 4:** CWA Shines Tonight

**Nov. 6:** Craft Festival  
**Dec. 2:** Which Holiday Do You Celebrate?

Wonder what the Lecturer will have for our October Fest Program? Master and Steward will attend State Session. Wonder what awards Lyme Grange will bring home.

Hopefully the first Regional CWA meeting will have been held before our CWA Chairperson does her program in November.

We all have enjoyed some beautiful, cool, clear, low humidity weather this September. Hope the weather holds for our Craft

Festival in November.

Hope everyone will enjoy family, friends, and food at Thanksgiving. Drive safely. It's a great time

for families to gather and enjoy their friendships.

In December I'll tell you about our craft festival.

# Legislative Committee

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is a member of Cheshire Grange where he has served as Master as well as being Past Master of New Haven County Pomona. Charles is Professor Emeritus of Geology at Central Connecticut State University. He is presently Vice-President of the Connecticut Association of Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commissions and is one of the Directors and a member of the legislative committee for the Association of Fairs.

Joining us as a new member is Russell Gray from Ekonk Grange in Sterling. Many of you remember that Russell is a Past Master of the Connecticut State Grange. He has also served as Master of both Ekonk and Quinebaug Pomona. Russell is currently First Selectman for the Town of Sterling which by nature involves him in Inland Wetlands, Planning and Zoning and Economic Development Commissions, as well as the Historical Committee. The last new member joining us is Earl Phillips from Eureka Grange in New Hartford. He is a Past Master of Eureka and Mountain County Pomona. Earl has served as Deputy under 3 different State Masters. He is retired from Patrons Mutual Insurance Company after 35 years.

Remember I said that Gordon was not going far? Gordon, as a member of the State Board of Directors/Executive Committee, is still part of the Legislative Committee. He will now be acting as our Legislative Liaison. Gordon will be our spokesman in Hartford, communicating the State Grange positions to the legislators and testifying on behalf of the State Grange. His past experience in Hartford and his knowledge of the issues and players is indispensable.

This committee is very diverse in skills and represent all areas of the state. Feel free to contact any of the committee members for assistance with legislative issues. We will be happy to assist with any resolution writing or to assist in legislative programs.

Gordon and I attended the Northeast Regional Legislative and Agricultural meeting that was held at the Big E on Grange Sunday. Ernie Finch, the Agricultural Director and our Master Bob Sendewicz were also present. Eric Jenson from the Pineland Farms in Maine was our guest speaker. He spoke on the creation of a Global Animal Welfare Rating that he has been working on with Whole Foods. This is a consumer driven project that brought the beef animal producers and the animal rights groups together in the same room. The group developed animal rights guidelines for producers to follow so that consumers could look for the fair treatment of animals in beef. Consumers have become more concerned about where their food is coming from. The labeling may start as market driven but consumers will eventually want it to be legislatively enforced. We expect to see legislation on both state and federal levels concerning the labeling of food sold from local sources.

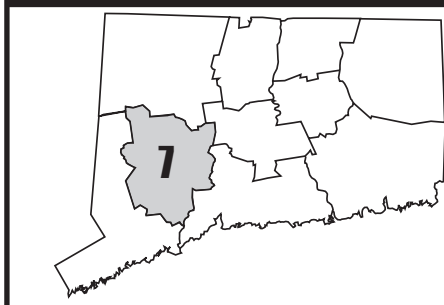
There are already signs of Food Safety and Nutrition Education bills being submitted for the coming session. There presently are proposed bills emerging for the creation of instructional school gardens following the example of California which developed the Garden in Every School Initiative in 1995. People are recognizing the educational and health benefits of gardens. They hope to increase the students preferences for fresh fruits and vegetables.

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## Excelsior Pomona No. 7



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- Bethlehem No. 107
- ✓ Watertown No. 122
- Prospect No. 144
- Bridgewater No. 153
- ✓ Wolcott No. 173
- ✓ Oxford No. 194

### EXCELSIOR POMONA #7

*Corr: Mary Dubay*

**Nov. 17:** "Let's Make Music"

Excelsior Pomona #7 will meet on November 17, 2010 at the Prospect Senior Center at 7:30 P.M.

The theme for the program by Lecturer Jean is called "Let's Make Music" Pomona members always welcome.

Happy Thanksgiving to all!

### BEACON VALLEY GRANGE #103

*Corr: Joanne Cipriano*

It doesn't seem possible that we are planning for the Christmas and New Years Holidays. Where did this year go??

On December 10 we will have our Christmas Party with supper to be served at 6 o'clock. All members are invited to attend but please let the Master know so that no one goes hungry. We will have a \$5.00 grab bag.

On December 11th we will host the Christmas Party of the Southern Connecticut Past Masters. This party starts with a social hour at 5:30 followed by a pot luck supper at 6:30 with the meeting to follow. Everyone is invited to come and have a good time.

Our Grange was saddened by the passing of Brother Frank Kosko, a 72 year member of our Grange. He was not very active lately but in the past Sister Nellie and Frank were very active.

The members of Beacon Valley Grange extend our sincerest sympathies to Brother Lou Godin of Wolcott Grange and his family on the death of Sister Pearl. Pearl was an Affiliate Member of Beacon Valley and our Assistant Steward and Pomona. She leaves a void that can never be replaced.

By the time you read

our news, we will have a new slate of State Officers. We wish them well as they work for the betterment of the Grange. May their labors be pleasant.

### WATERTOWN GRANGE #122

*Corr: Mary Dubay*

**Nov. 5:** Remembering the Vets

**Nov. 19:** Turkey Time

In November, we have Veteran's Day, a time to honor our Veterans of all wars, with parades and laying of wreaths at Veteran's Memorials. Next comes mostly everyone's favorite holiday, Thanksgiving. Time for family get-togethers with turkey and all the trimmings and time to give thanks along the way.

Our first meeting in November is called Remembering the Vets and our second meeting is called Turkey Time, goes along with both holidays.

Barbara Robert and Mary Dubay were elected delegates to the Annual Session of the Connecticut State Grange.

We will be having a Tag Sale on November 13 at the Masonic Hall where we meet, 175 Main St., Watertown from 9 A.M. to 2 P.M. Members, please bring donations. Holiday items would be nice at this time of the year.

Watertown Grange would like to wish all our fellow Grangers a Happy Thanksgiving.

Come and join us when you can, our door is always open.

### WOLCOTT GRANGE #173

*Corr: Cindy Legg*

**Nov. 1:** Business meeting. Country Store (Refreshments Assistant Lecturer)

**Nov. 15:** Thanksgiving Pot Luck 6:00pm (Refreshments Everyone), Country Store

Or first meeting in

November will be held on the 1st, it will be a business meeting. Our second meeting on the 15th will be our annual Thanksgiving Pot Luck Dinner. If anyone would like to come and join us for our dinner, please call Cindy at 203-597-9292. We would love for you to join us.

We at Wolcott Grange are saddened by the passing of our beloved member Pearl Godin. Pearl was a member of the grange for over 25 years, and held many offices within the Grange and her Pomona. She did much more for the grange than people realized. She was always there when we needed her. We will all miss her a great deal. Our love and condolences go out to Lou and his entire family.

Hope everyone has as chance to enjoy this beautiful autumn season. Remember we meet the 1st and 3rd Mondays of most months at our Grange Hall near the center of Wolcott, come join us anytime.

### OXFORD GRANGE #194

*Corr: Phil Rowland*

**Nov. 5:** Pastimes

**Nov. 19:** Thanksgiving-Potluck Supper 7:00 p.m.

"Pastimes," the November 5 program topic sounds interesting and we look forward to it. The traditional Thanksgiving potluck supper should be worthwhile too, since it's very likely that a roast turkey will grace the occasion. C'mon over, just bring a dish to share.

Recent meetings have shown our members to be generous with giving time to Community Service. Champs in this area are Bob and Dorothy DeBisschop, who lead other members by far.

A recent program about Grange Fairs was enlightening. Some fairs in other states, particularly Pennsylvania, are huge, and require lots of time and effort by participants.

We are submitting two quite meaningful Resolutions to State Grange for consideration.

Happy Thanksgiving to all!

## I'm here to help!



**Edith Schoell**  
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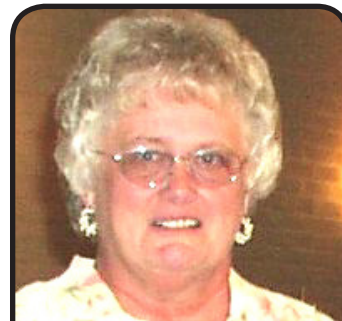
The State Session is over and I want to thank the Secretaries for sending in their quarterly reports as quickly as possible. This is a good time for those who attended the State Session to comment on the new schedule. Yes, there may have been a few glitches, but overall things seemed to go well, and no doubt

there will be changes next year. Your input would be appreciated.

It was wonderful to see Joe Smith of Enfield Grange at the Session the night of the Sixth Degree. Joe Smith received recognition for 85 years of service to the Grange, and is 100 years young! Joe was there to see his daughter take the Sixth Degree, and I have been told he was in no hurry to go home.

The new Grange year is underway with Granges making plans for projects and open houses. I have a supply of the new application forms that would be appealing to non-Grangers visiting your hall. If you need some contact the Central Office. Also statement of dues, orders on the treasurer, second notices, etc. are available at the office. A form is available if you are requesting several seals for years of service, as well as Golden Sheaf recognition. If you need help or have questions, please call- I am in the office to help.

## Congratulations!



**Marge Bernhardt**  
State Lecturer

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My congratulations to all the Granges and Grangers who received awards at State Session. Thirty-five Lecturers' Appreciation Awards were given out and in addition to that ten Lecturers received Honor Lecturer Certificates. Hopefully, these are being presented at your Subordinate Grange meetings. Please be sure and

thank your Lecturer for all she has done. Being Lecturer is not an easy job. It takes dedication, enthusiasm and a lot of work to be a good Lecturer.

I'm told that judging the Complete programs was especially hard this year. We had several very good entries. The best part of this is that I have lots of good numbers to share with you in my newsletters. The Winners in this Contest are... 1st Susan Pianka, North Stonington Community Grange; 2nd Joanne Cipriano, Beacon Valley Grange; and, 3rd, D. Emily Alexander, North Have Grange. Congratulations!

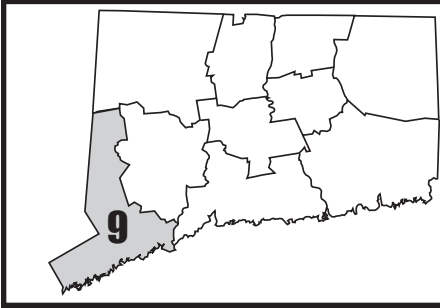
Winners in the Essay Contest – 1st Joanne Cipriano, Beacon Valley Grange; 2nd Jeff Barnes, Stonington Grange; and, 3rd Barbara Kulisch, Old Lyme Grange.

Our Grangers are still actively supporting the Should Auld Acquaintance program which helps to bring a little cheer into our convalescent and rest homes. If you want to know who participated in all the different programs, ask your Lecturer. She received a complete list with her November – December Newsletter. If your Grange isn't on the list, why not offer to head up the project in your Town.

Many Granges wrote letters to service men and women deployed in harms way. Most reported sending packages to them in addition to the letters. Need help getting started on this program? Remember I am always as close as your phone or computer and will do whatever I can to help you.

Hope to see you around the State.

## Fairfield County Pomona No. 9



- ✓ Redding No. 15
- ✓ Harmony No. 92
- ✓ Greenfield Hill No. 133
- ✓ Trumbull No. 134
- ✓ Norfield No. 146
- ✓ Cannon No. 152

### FAIRFIELD COUNTY POMONA #9

*Corr: Robert Sendewicz*

**Dec. 1:** Christmas Party  
Fairfield County

Pomona does not meet in November. We will meet on Wednesday, December 1, 2010, at Norfield Grange hall in Weston. There is a 6:00 P.M. supper followed by our meeting and Christmas party. We will be collecting Toys for Tots and will have a country store. If you wish to bring a toy it must be new and unwrapped.

We have lots of fun during our celebration along with carols and we have a best Christmas outfit contest for men and women. So if you come wear your best duds. There is a rumor going around that Santa may show up. If he comes he always brings popcorn balls and candy canes. Our meeting is early in the month so it won't interfere with your Christmas shopping.

Our next Pomona meeting will not be until March 2011.

### REDDING GRANGE #15

*Corr: Marge Sendewicz*

**Nov. 6:** Christmas Boutique & Bake Sale 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Nov. 8:** Honor Our Veterans

**Nov. 22:** We Give Thanks

The Annual State Session is over and it's time to relax for awhile. On Saturday Nov. 6 we will hold our annual Christmas Boutique and bake sale from 10A.M. till 2 P.M. at our Grange hall. We will have a variety Christmas items for sale along with an abundance of baked goods and food for the hungry. If you are looking for a special decoration or present come on over and join us. If you need more information or directions contact me.

Our other meetings in Nov. are listed above. The

weather may be cold or snowy but our hall is warm and friendly. You can drop in any time and we will be glad to see you.

### HARMONY GRANGE #92

*Corr: Gail Mas*

**Dec. 4:** Christmas Fair,  
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Harmony had a very good meeting in September. State Representative, Debra Lee Hovey and Larry Miller Representative from Shelton attended and spoke to us on farming in CT. President Bob Sendewicz and Marge Sendewicz all graced our meeting. It is always a pleasure and honour to have them. We are busy calling and sending letters to various crafters for our Christmas Fair.

At Harmony, we have started to have a meal before the meeting, every other month. It's fun to have a variety of different foods. One of our longstanding members, Gil Standley, has been in the hospital and now recouping at Masonicare in Newtown. His spirits are good for all he has had to endure. Get well wishes and prayers go out to him. Cold weather is coming so we all need to get ready. Stay safe. Keep the little goblins safe for Halloween.

### GREENFIELD HILL GRANGE #133

*Corr: Dennis Rich*

**Nov. 21:** "Let Us Give Thanks", Meeting at 2 P.M.

In September, we completed planning our Fair, which took place on the 25th. The event was a success, with members, friends, and community participating with exhibits. There was a fine selection of flowers, fruit and vegetables, home baking and canning, needlework, and crafts. We are already looking forward to next

year!

Our November meeting will focus on planning our Christmas season and Winter activities and meetings. The program will include reflections on what we are thankful for. If we look around, we will see God's provision in His Creation!

All of our Grange friends are welcome to our meetings and activities.

### TRUMBULL GRANGE #134

*Corr: Susan Carol Sulier*

Hi, fellow Grangers and welcome to November, when the aromas of cozy wood fires, fresh baked pies and simmering potpourris add a special ambiance of love and warmth to our homes.

Now onto the Grange stuff – We extend our sincere sympathy to our Overseer, Pat Gerckens, on the loss of her beloved Mother. I am very happy to report that our Hank Barrachina is on the mend. Keep up the good work Hank, we love you!

My husband Tom and I continue to tend to our vegetable, herb & flower plants. Because of the unseasonably warm weather, we continue to enjoy the bounty from this year's harvest.

Here's a funny Thanksgiving story - Years ago my husband Tom's sister Cindy, a newlywed, made her first Thanksgiving dinner for her large extended family. She gave the turkey carving honors to Tom; who never did it before. He put the turkey on the counter and as he attempted to make the first cut, it slid into a dishpan of sudsy water and dirty dishes. Needless to say, Cindy was livid!

On this Thanksgiving, I hope you all have a fantastic holiday, with a delicious dinner, surrounded by your loved ones.

"Happy Thanksgiving" – with fraternal love from Tom and me.

### NORFIELD GRANGE #146

*Corr: Ruth L. Hickcox*

**Nov. 9:** Neighbor's Night, Apple Harvest, Open House and Reception

**Nov. 30:** Christmas Tree

and Holiday Decorating  
**Dec. 14:** Christmas Party Buffet Supper, Cookie Exchange

It would take a Leo Tolstoy to describe the miracle that took place at our Norfield Fair on September 19th. At last count, 650 people attended, their parked cars taking up much of Good Hill Road. There were 74 entries in everything from flowers to eggs to homemade spirits. It was truly a community event, with local artisans, small businesses and civic organizations taking part-neighbor to neighbor, just as the Grange should be.

Chief among the miracle workers were Lyn and Chris Kimberly and Ewa and John Ojarovska, followed closely by Steve Porter, Randy Miller, Kareen Kanaga, Genaro Hathaway, Denise Massingale-Lamb, Emerson Phillips, Charlene Blount, Tom Studwell, Ted Coley, June Fancher and Marie Keene. Many others were also involved with set-up and take-down. And now... on to the Apple Festival on November 9 and the Christmas party on December 14.

Installing officer Bob Sendewicz and assisting officer Marge Sendewicz installed our new Grange officers on September 14, with Randy Miller President / Master, Charlene Blount Overseer, Sus Sulla Lecturer and Tom Studwell Steward. There is not room to list everybody, but there are many new Grangers aboard. It promises to be a very exciting and rejuvenating year!

Word has just reached us of the unexpected death of past member Barry Reade on March 14 in Danbury. He was currently acting president of the Georgetown Chapter of the Lion's Club International when he died. He had a large and loving family who said that he was a man who loved life and lived his life the way he wanted to. Amen!

### CANNON GRANGE #152

*Corr: Don Offinger*

**Nov. 4:** Business Meeting, 7:30 PM

**Nov. 18:** Special Program

, 7:30 PM

**Dec. 2:** Business Meeting, 7:30 PM

**Dec. 16:** Holiday Party, 7:30 - all bring refreshments to share

We welcome our newest member, Marcy Juran, who came to us as a result of our Agricultural Fair. Our fair was held on August 22nd, the rainiest day in the year. Yet, despite the foul weather, we had large crowds throughout the day and entertainment all afternoon. A wonderful day with some 1,400 people in attendance. This year we had the most number of concessionaires ever (nearly 30!), and nearly 400 exhibits for judging in baked goods, flowers, vegetables, fruit, sewing, crafts, photography, egg, rabbits and birds, and homemade spirits. We'll be hosting an appreciation dinner for our Best of Show Ribbon winners, and all the helpers at the fair in Spring, 2011.

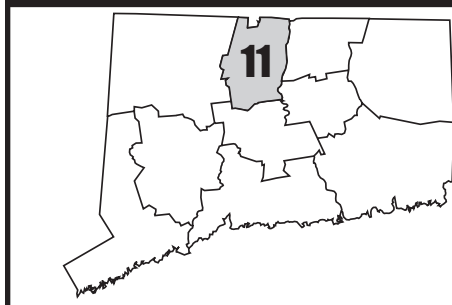
Our monthly Scrabble Nights have re-convened the second Saturday of each month, and they are indeed a lot of fun for all the players who attend. We do hold to the rules of the game, but do allow a peek in the dictionary plus a view online at dictionary.com.

Our Hall was used recently as an Incident Command Center by the local fire, police and dive teams when two kayakers ran into serious trouble on the Norwalk River that flows alongside our Hall following two days of torrential rain.

A Cannon member was one of the EMS personnel from Wilton EMS who responded to one of the victims pulled from the raging river and drove the ambulance to the hospital. The Grange Hall was used for 4 days as a command center & shelter for FD and PD while the second victim was located. This is true community service.

Our meeting schedule is noted above, with our new meeting time at 7:30 PM. Visiting Patrons are always welcome--won't you join us?

## Farmington Valley Pomona No. 11



- ✓ Granby No. 5
- ✓ Tunxis No. 13
- Cawasa No. 34
- ✓ Simsbury No. 197
- ✓ West Suffield No. 199
- Cherry Brook No. 210

### FARMINGTON VALLEY POMONA #11

*Corr: Betty Jane Gardiner*  
**Nov. 15:** Be Thankful

The holiday season is underway and at our November meeting and program we will be giving thanks for our many blessings.

A lovely open house reception was held in honor of the 90th birthday of our faithful Pomona pianist, Joan Goetjen. Joan has been an active member since she was a young girl. She has been a good friend to all. We wish her a happy future.

Hope all of our people will be working on the contests and projects of the various state committees as the winter progresses. All of the activities (old and new) are worthy of support.

### GRANBY GRANGE #5

*Corr: Vivian C. Shaw*

**Nov. 12:** Turkey Program  
**Nov. 27:** Public Setback Card Party, 7:00 P.M.

Granby Grange Agricultural Fair, Sept. 11, 2010, judged by Robert Palen, Secretary of Simsbury Grange.

Winner from the Assoc. of Connecticut Fairs Two Crusted Apple Pie Contest was Carol Innes. Adult baking was Darlene DiRusso for her Cranberry Chutney Coffee Cake. In Junior Baking Erin Keener won for the Almond Glazed Sugar Cookies.

Guessing Game winner: Victoria Sweet.

Grocery Basket Winner: Bobbie Sullivan.

### TUNXIS GRANGE #13

*Corr: Pam Covington*

Tunxis Grange members were so pleased when Joan Kravson took first place at the state needlework contest with her beautiful rose colored knitted afghan. Joan has made us many wonderful, beautiful baby afghans to sell over the

years in the store at the Big E. Congratulations, Joan.

At our September meeting, we had a meeting with our realtor on the selling of Tunxis Grange Hall. We discussed price and the realtor had done a lot of work on the property with the town files. Time will tell what will happen.

If you want to visit us, please call and check as we sometimes change our meeting nights if we do not have enough people to attend.

Happy Thanksgiving, everyone!

### SIMSBURY GRANGE #197

*Corr: Betty Jane Gardiner*

**Nov. 10:** Be Thankful

Here we are well into the fall season and headed toward the holidays and special events.

Our October meeting was held in our hall and now we will close the building for the winter months and will be meeting as the town library in Simsbury. We look forward to being back in our "home" in the spring.

Check with any one of us for information of our schedule.

Hope you all have a nice fall season.

### WEST SUFFIELD GRANGE #199

*Corr: Pam Covington*

This is one of the hardest reports I have ever had to write on West Suffield Grange.

In September, it was decided to turn in our Grange Charter. We had been discussing it on and off for the last two years. We had notified our members that we were going to discuss what would be done and tried to see how everyone felt. No replies came from our members. That was part of the reason for deciding to do this.

I have been a member for 50 years. Over this time, we have had fun,

helped the town of Suffield and made a lot of friends. I want to have us keep in touch.

The members of West Suffield want to wish the Granges all of the best and we will always remember

our fun, fellowship and friends we made in the Grange.

## WINDOW TO THE PAST

Photographs are a treasured part of Grange history. Many of them, unfortunately, do not come neatly labeled on the back with names, dates, people or places. These photographs have a story to tell... but about whom or what? Please help us solve the mystery of the faces and places as we look through the Window to the Past. You can contact us by calling (860) 626-5074 or on the web by emailing [submissions@ctstategrange.org](mailto:submissions@ctstategrange.org).



## Eye on Communications

GLEANINGS FROM YOUR STATE PUBLIC RELATIONS TEAM

Greetings from the new Connecticut State Grange Public Relations Committee. As the former Publicity Committee morphs into the new Public Relations Committee, we look to continue traditions yet also look forward to positive change. Public relations is vital to the success of the Granges across Connecticut.

A basic definition of public relations is "to shape and maintain the image of an organization or individual in the eyes of various publics." What is a "public" exactly? A public, in PR terms, is anyone who ever has or ever will form an opinion about the organization or individual.

Communication is essential to Grange success, both internally and externally. Favorable media exposure means recognition in the community, acknowledgement of Grange activities, services and accomplishments and a higher profile of your Grange among potential members. Internally, it will help build pride in membership that will grow a more successful Grange.

Please welcome our team: Co-Directors Terri Fassio of Winchester Grange and Robert Charbonneau of Meriden Grange; members Maggie Schofield of Cawasa Grange, Don Offinger of Cannon Grange, and Frank Forrest of Hillstown Grange.

As the Connecticut State Grange Public Relations committee, we have an amazing opportunity before us to work with an outstanding group of dedicated Grange members, committees, directors and officers toward a common goal. Our mission going forward includes: the promotion of activities in the Grange utilizing different types of media, the introduction of information and material to Granges in Connecticut to aid them in creating informative news packets to the public, and to visit and encourage Granges to give our team feedback on what works and finding opportunities for

improvement. We are also encouraging Grange members with computer experience to help your community Grange's Public Relations Chairman.

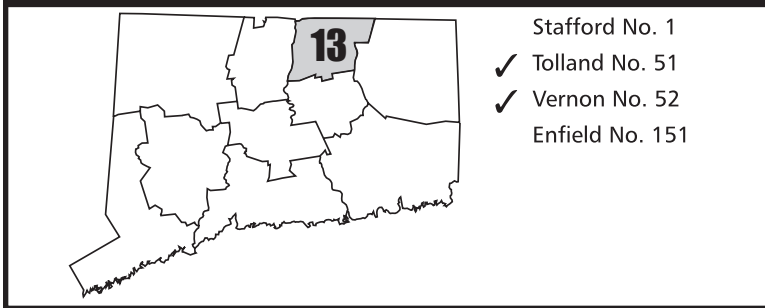
Our team is still getting our sea legs, but has diverse experience and will greatly enhance our ability to help Granges in Connecticut. Our hope is to build on successes from Carl Bernhardt's Publicity Committee with existing contests and adding exciting contests for the new Grange year.

Each Grange and Committee will be receiving a Public Relations Information Packet which is chock full of tips, tricks and tools to improve the communications skills of our Connecticut Granges. With a little advance preparation, each Grange can ensure that they are ready for any marketing or public relations opportunity that comes along.

The cornerstone of the PR Information Packet is a Data-CD which has a broad range of templates, official Grange seals, clip art, and promotional material. This will aid in promotions, membership drives, and creating articles for local news outlets. A key item in the packet is the "Connecticut State Grange Public Relations Tool Kit" booklet. This will help your Grange get started with tips, samples and instructions on digital photography, press releases and announcements, and how to write a winning article. The booklet even contains a list of Connecticut media outlets, how and when to use the Grange seal, and background information about the Grange in Connecticut.

As media technology evolves, so does the ability of the Connecticut State Grange to provide these tools directly to Grangers via the Internet. Many of the Public Relations tools can be downloaded from [www.CTStateGrange.org](http://www.CTStateGrange.org). Additional packets are available upon request. Just drop us a line at: [publicrelations@ctstategrange.org](mailto:publicrelations@ctstategrange.org).

## North Central Pomona No. 13



- Stafford No. 1
- ✓ Tolland No. 51
- ✓ Vernon No. 52
- Enfield No. 151

### NORTH CENTRAL POMONA #13

Corr: J. Jordan

North Central will meet on Thursday, November 11, as guests of Vernon Grange. Enfield Grange will provide the refreshments. CWA is in charge of the program. Please call ahead for the location of the meeting.

### TOLLAND GRANGE #51

Corr: J. Jordan

Nov. 2: Massachusetts Come and learn bits and pieces about the state of Massachusetts. Perhaps you have an interesting tidbit you can share. We begin our meetings at 7:30 p.m. Call Master Robert West to determine the location of the meeting.

### VERNON GRANGE #52

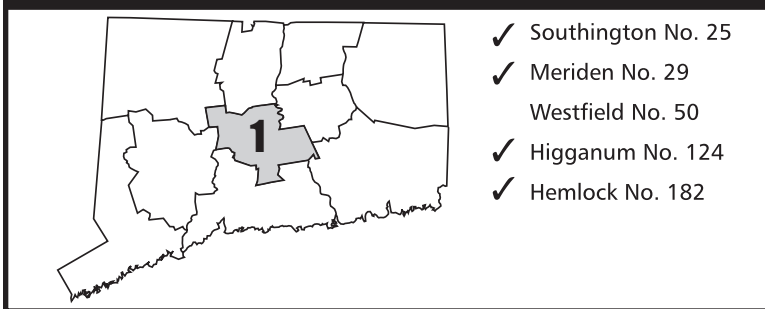
Corr: Nancy Strong

Nov. 1: (Special Meeting Date) Program on the

World War II Exhibit by the Vernon Historical Society

Vernon Grange was happy to present Karl Niederwerfer with his 50 year certificate when he was visiting his sister in October. It was nice to catch up with a distant member. Karl lives in Oregon. Our November meeting will be a program on honoring Vernon residents who served in World War 2. One of our deceased members was Ted Hirth. He was in a prisoner of war camp and one time brought his eating utensils of aluminum that was given to him by the Nazi's. They had a swatica on them. The spoon was bent so we asked if he tried to dig out a tunnel with it. He told us no, that his wife just used it to do some mixing with a cake and beat too hard.

## Central Pomona No. 1



- ✓ Southington No. 25
- ✓ Meriden No. 29
- Westfield No. 50
- ✓ Higganum No. 124
- ✓ Hemlock No. 182

### CENTRAL POMONA #1

Corr: Dianne Clark

Dec. 9: 6:00, Potluck Thursday, Hemlock Grange

December 9th, 6:00, potluck supper 6:00 P.M. in Hemlock. Central Pomona No. 1 meeting at 7:30. Program on Christmas Story. Exchange gift worth \$10.00 man or woman.

CWA table bring Christmas decorations of 3 items. Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

### SOUTHINGTON GRANGE #25

Corr: Raymond Legg

Nov. 6: Waffle Breakfast

Nov. 8: Business Meeting

Nov. 22: Harvest Program

We will be having our annual Waffle Breakfast on Saturday November 6th

from 8:30am-11:30am Cost is \$5.00.

Our two meetings in November will be on the 6th and the 22nd. Every one is always welcome at our meetings. We meet the 2nd and 4th Mondays of most months at our hall on the corner of Summit St, and Knowles Ave. in the Plantsville section of Southington.

Congratulations go out to Southington Grange's new Chaplain John Desantis, and new member of the Executive Committee Chet Bacon. We know they will both do a great job.

With the winter fast approaching we hope everyone will be able to get out and enjoy the nice weather we are having know, before the snow

begging to fly.

### MERIDEN GRANGE #29

Corr: Dianne Clark

Dec. 10: Christmas Story and Party with Neighbors

Jan. 14: New Year's Resolutions

September 11th we had our Meriden Grange Fair and Doris Shaw and Mildred Bell judged the fair. Cindy Hupper displayed a lot of lovely flowers and Dianne Clark got Best Flower Arrangement in show. Phyllis Maynes entered a lot of blankets and scarves and won first and second prizes. Dianne Clark displayed ceramics and got first prize in arts and crafts. Many other vegetables displayed by other Grangers. Bob Charbonneau displayed a board on Grange music on CD.

We had a roast pork dinner that was very successful. On the 16th of Oct. also. On Oct. 8th we had a Columbus Day and Halloween program and play of ghosts. A lot of fun.

On Nov. 17th we will have a Thanksgiving program on counting our blessings.

On Christmas Story on Dec. 10 we will invite all neighbors for the Christmas Party to share our Christmas holiday with all Granges. We will have refreshments. Call if you can come 860-346-7345.

### HIGGANUM GRANGE #124

Corr: Barbara R. Smith

The Higganum Grange #124 was well received in attendance at the recent Haddam River Days. The fair was a success in all. There was one new member installed, Lilly Umba.

Seven young people attended our October meeting to observe. We wish that everyone has a chance to go out and view the beautiful foliage that surrounds us at this time of the year.

### HEMLOCK GRANGE #182

Corr: Maureen Sanborn

Nov. 12: Falling Leaves

Nov. 26: Omit for Thanksgiving

Coffee and refreshments will be served following the meeting.

# AgNews



**Ernest Finch**  
Agriculture Director  
agriculture@ctstategrange.org

I attended a Grange meeting at the Big E, in the Massachusetts Building on Thurs., Sept. 30 of the Legislative and Dairy Committees of the New England States. I would like to thank Gordon Gibson for calling me about the meeting.

I did miss the Legislative meeting which is held earlier in the day. There was a man farming Penobscot Farms, New Gloucester, Maine, which traces back to the first Virginia beef farm in the country and Wolf Neck Farm in Freeport, Maine. These farms have passed clean never allowing the use of any antibiotics, growth hormones or fed animal by-products. This helps them to have the finest beef anywhere. It is good to know some farms are thriving while we lose 6,000 acres a day to housing developments, malls and farms going out of business. The farmers are having trouble with migrant workers because of the wages being paid. I know a vegetable farmer, they came to him and wanted \$10 per hour and he said he could pay \$8 per hour.

The season for growing is over and I recommend cleaning out your garden and covering up your garden with compost. I clean my garden and plant winter rye and plow it down in the spring for green manure.

At this point I would like to thank my Committee for a job well done and also Barbara Roberts for her help with the cookies for Ag Day at the Capitol. Gordon Gibson told me this year was the best year for the Grange. I hope the committee gave you some information of what was going on with agriculture around the world. Thank you.

## Vernon honors Niederwerfer



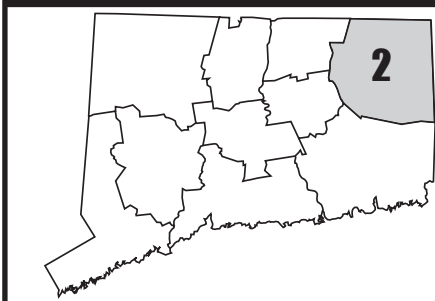
Vernon Grange Master Nancy Strong, awards 50 year member Karl Niederwerfer his Golden Sheaf Certificate. The presentation was made 50 years to the day of joining the Grange.

## New England Needlework Contest winners from Conn.

The Connecticut winners of the New England Grange Needlework Contest at the New England Grange Building during the Big E were:

- Mae Chemerybski - 3rd, Doily
- Edith Schoell - 2nd, Embroidery
- Edna Schneiner - 1st, Baby Set
- Ted Beebe - 2nd, Plastic Canvas
- Richard Beauchac - Counted Cross Stitch, First & Best of Show
- George McPherson - 1st, Latch Hook
- Karen Macdonald - 3rd, Wall Hanging
- Jennifer Scheimer - 2nd, Stuffed Toy

## Quinebaug Pomona No. 2



- Senexet No. 40
- ✓ Brooklyn No. 43
- ✓ Wolf Den No. 61
- ✓ Ekonk No. 89
- Ashford No. 90
- Putnam No. 97
- Killingly No. 112
- ✓ Echo No. 180

### SENEXT GRANGE #40

Corr: Diane Miller

Nov. 17: Thanksgiving Program

We have been busy this fall with the food booth at the Woodstock Fair all Labor Day weekend. We thank the Westfield Congregational Church of Danielson for their many volunteers.

We participated in the Celebrating Ag event and served lunch and desserts. We will be hosting the Windham County Farm Bureau annual meeting.

Another Blue Grass musical event is being planned along with a fall pie sale.

Members helped with the community kitchen.

The triple installation with Putnam and Wolf Den was held at our hall. Lots of members.

### EKONK GRANGE #89

Corr: Sue Gray

Nov. 1: "It's Party Time!" Mtg/Prog 7:30

Nov. 20: TURKEY SUPPER, 5-7

Dec. 4: Holiday Bazaar, 10-2

Dec. 6: "Rejoice!" Mtg/Prog, 7:30

Thanks to Amy and Ned Sebastian for presenting the

dictionaries for this school year. MANY children became the delighted owners of these "magical" books; a secret to learning! We voted to advertise that at our Turkey Supper, folks are encouraged to bring a canned food or donate \$1.00 and their name will be put in to a drawing to receive a nice prize. The canned foods will be given away in baskets at Thanksgiving & Christmas and the money used to purchase items not donated for inclusion.

We served yet another meal following a funeral. Our hall was packed and the family much appreciated what was done following the burial of longtime resident, musician and member of 3 local Blue Grass Bands, Fred Etheridge.

Thanks to Rebecca Gervais & Betsy Molodich for again heading up the annual Fruit & Nut Sale! Great products reasonably priced and yet an excellent fundraiser!

We hosted a reception Oct. 30th for Jody Cameron (& Jodi Ann); yet another hall full of happy Grangers!

The 2011 Sterling Community Calendars should be available in November. This is our

Granges 9th year doing this for Sterling. It is a major undertaking, but much appreciated by folks in Sterling.

Robin Cousens lent her great sense of humor as she presented the program in October for her first time; wonderful job!

We miss Henry Pelletier at Grange now, but cards can be sent to him via Evelyn at P.O. Box 203 Oneco. We also miss Sarah Phaiah, but she is busy

caring for her husband, who has been very ill. Best wishes to any member not feeling up to par at this writing. As usual, all are welcome at the friendly Grange on the Hill!

### ECHO GRANGE #180

Corr: Gloria John

Nov 9: Daylight Savings

Nov 23: Turkey, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes

We had a successful Ham and Bean supper on Sept 18h. I want to

correct an error I made in September's issue. The correct name should be Louise Garabedian instead of Lucille. She received her 50th year certificate. We will only meet the second Tuesday in the month's of January, February and March. for those winter months.

We will hold our Tag and Bake sale on Nov. 20th from 9 a.m. to 12 Noon.

## D News from the Deputy Team

Todd Gelineau, General Deputy

First, I would like to thank the Worthy State Master for the honor and privilege of serving the Connecticut State Grange. I would also like to congratulate each of the new Deputies on their appointments to the Deputy State Master team. I know each State Master and General Deputy feels they have the best team ever assembled but this team truly is a "dream team" of qualified, dedicated and driven Grange members who are committed to helping to "Grow the Grange."

The first meeting of the Deputy Team will be held on Saturday, November 20 at Cheshire Grange Hall beginning at 9:00 A.M. for the first Deputy School. This will be a departure from tradition (something we all will have to get used to during this administration) as it is not tied to any other Pink Sash gathering that day. It is only intended for the Deputies, State Master and State Overseer and will be an all-day event where detailed information

will be given all aspects of being a Deputy. Following that meeting, the Deputies will be conducting Schools of Instruction in each of the Community Granges throughout the State and will also begin their twice yearly inspection visitations.

Usually a reminder is given prior to State Session for each of the appointed officers to be sure to return their sashes to the State Grange if not attending the convention. Unfortunately, this notice was not given and we are missing several sashes. If you are in possession of a sash and have not been reappointed to that position for the new year, please return the sash to the Central Office, the State Master, General Deputy or any of the other Deputies so they may be presented to the new appointees. We thank you for your help.

Your State Master has promised an aggressive program designed to foster Grange Growth and your Deputies are on the front lines of that effort and are always available to answer any and all questions and to offer any and all help you need to succeed!

## Southington Grange celebrates 125 years



Southington Historical Society President Ken DiMauro presents Southington Grangers Lyn Johnson and Joy Dutra with a commemorative plaque in recognition of the Grange's 125th anniversary.

Lisa Lamoureux and friend at the 60th annual Southington Grange Fair.



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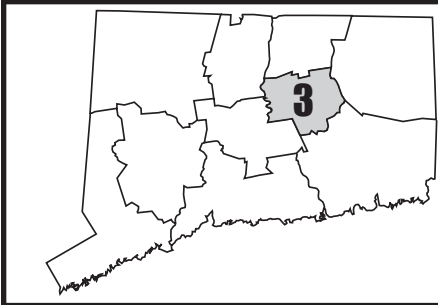
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## A Special gift



Beginning September 2010 the National Grange will be giving away a special gift for contributions to Trademark Protection in the amount of \$300 or more. Please contribute soon, supplies are limited to the first 45 donations. Contributions of \$300 or more must be from one single Grange or individual to qualify.

## East Central Pomona No. 3



- ✓ Glastonbury No. 26
- ✓ Manchester No. 31
- ✓ Coventry No. 75
- ✓ Hillstown No. 87

### EAST CENTRAL POMONA #3

*Corr: Noel Miller*

**Nov. 6:** Let's Talk Turkey

Over 300 friends of John Waterhouse attended a Memorial Service at Glastonbury High School on September 26. Many stories and reflection of the good and humor John brought to every one he touched. I found things I never new about John Waterhouse. He will be missed by many and his shoes will take many to fill. We welcome Robert Warner of Marlborough Grange who was elected Treasurer of East Central Pomona #3, good luck. We also heard Marlborough Grange is turning in their Charter. We wish to thank them for the generous donation that they gave East Central Pomona for building repairs and junior programs. Hopefully there members will join other Granges to continue their membership. As Jack Frost begins to nip at our noses we hope you have a Happy Thanksgiving Holiday.

### GLASTONBURY GRANGE #26

*Corr: Kathryn Ruff*

**Oct. 2:** Semi-Annual Bake & Boutique Sale 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**Oct. 7:** Meeting 7:30 p.m. Harvest Time Ref. K. Ruff & Taffy Hyyppe

**Oct. 9:** Monte Carlo Whist Card Party 7:00 p.m.

**Nov. 4:** Meeting 7:30 Thanksgiving

**Nov. 13:** Monte Carlo Whist Card Party 7:00 p.m.

By the time you receive this issue our Bake Sale will be history. A big "thank you" to all who helped with the sale in any way to make it the success that it was.

Our Monti-Carlo Whist Card Parties have begun for the season. I hope you will mark them on your calendar and try to attend some of them. They are one of our fun raisers and your help will be appreciated.

The State Grange Session will be held October 21st thru 23rd and will be held at the Sheraton in East Hartford. Glastonbury delegates are Kay Ruff and Norma DePietro and are looking forward to the session.

The trees are beginning to change colors and they are looking very pretty. We should enjoy the fall season it is a very nice time of year. I just planted some mum's in the front yard and will pick up a pumpkin or two to decorate with. On behalf of Glastonbury Grange I wish all a very pleasant fall season .

### MANCHESTER GRANGE #31

*Corr: Diane Small*

**Nov. 3:** Think Young - Youth

**Nov. 17:** Thank a Veteran

**Dec. 1:** Snow and Ice - Consumer Safety

As you read this, fall is starting on the downside waiting to open the door for winter. The harvest is completed, the fairs have come and gone and all those leaves that needed to be raked. As the fairs have become a memory for another year, now is the time for the bazaars, church fairs and the Grange Craft Festivals. It is an opportunity to do some Christmas shopping and usually have a terrific lunch. Again there are so many talented folks that present us with their goodies.

The Big E has closed for the 2010 season. There were many items offered for sale. There were tons of scarves, hats and mitten. The choices were amazing. It's fun to watch the folks making their choices. Many of the shoppers commented that originally grandparents had purchased these items for them as kids. It is also amazing that Grangers come through with so many donations. It seems that

this was another banner year. Remember this winter when you are doing a project, make an extra. Grangers always come through when needed.

Our November 17th meeting is Thank a Veteran. How true this is. Even in today's world, our veterans and active service people offer us the safe environment that we enjoy. A reminder, remember to fly your flag. We all are proud to be Americans.

Now that the ghosts and goblins have had their day, we have Thanksgiving. It is a great family holiday. The turkey, mashed potatoes, turnips, candied yams, cranberry sauce, rolls and any other goody that fits the day, is to be enjoyed with your family, friends and maybe someone who would be alone for the holiday. Another enjoyable treat for the day is apple pie, pumpkin pie, chocolate cream, can't you just taste it.

Has anyone read a good book lately?? Have you learned a new craft or tweaked an old one?? Written a note to someone you haven't heard from in a while. With winter coming to visit, now is the time to think about a new project for those cold, cool evenings.

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone!

### COVENTRY GRANGE #75

*Corr: Noel Miller*

**Nov. 4:** Veterans Day

As the fall leaves build up around our grange hall we are waiting to see what the town and state will do to the roadway entrance next to the grange hall. We may loose access to our parking lot and force the hot dog lady to leave our parking lot. Time will tell. we are continuing our Dictionary Project for the G.H.Robertson School.

### HILLSTOWN GRANGE #87

*Corr: Rita J. Schaefer*

**Nov. 11:** Veterans Speak

**Nov. 13:** Craft Fair

**Dec. 19:** Christmas Party, JG's November "Pics"

I just can't believe fall is upon us. I thought I was in February as my winter crocus are all in bloom. I guess they can't wait for

the snow.

Most crops have been harvested and the farmers are getting a little rest before they start thinking of next year.

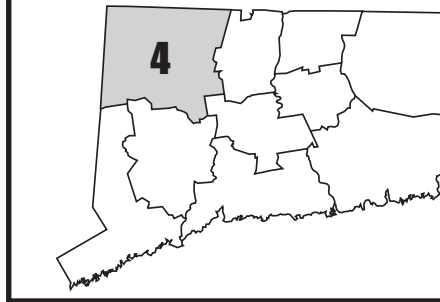
We had a successful fair this year although there were many Fairs all around. We are just working for the fall and our projects for the coming year. We now have

added a new member to our list. Hoping to add to our meeting attendance.

I haven't heard of any new illnesses, accidents or falls among our members. I've check with some of our old members and they are progressing.

I guess I'll wait for the next month for more news.

## Mountain County Pomona No. 4



- Whigville No. 48
- Eureka No. 62
- ✓ Winchester No. 74
- ✓ Taghhannuck No. 100
- Litchfield No. 107
- Beacon No. 118
- Riverton No. 169

### MTN. COUNTY POMONA #4

*Corr: T. Gelineau*

**Nov. 8:** Happy Harvest, Whigville Grange Hall, 7:30 P.M.

Mountain County Pomona begins its post-State Session schedule with a meeting entitled "Happy Harvest" at Whigville Grange Hall on Nov. 8. This will be our second attempt at meeting there as last year's meeting had to be moved to Litchfield due to unexpected mechanical problems at the hall. We hope all goes well and the members of Whigville are able to once again host Pomona this year.

The Fifth Degree was conferred on Oct. 11 and we welcome our two newest members and hope they enjoy their membership in Mountain County Pomona.

Our December meeting is entitled "Happy Holidays" and will be held at Litchfield Grange Hall on the 13th. Please join us!

### WINCHESTER GRANGE #74

*Corr: T. Gelineau*

**Nov. 6:** Holiday Bazaar and Cookie Walk, 9 to 3 P.M., Grange Hall

**Nov. 9:** Veteran's Day, Potluck Supper at 6:30 P.M.

**Nov. 23:** Thanksgiving, Ref. Sara Bement

**Dec. 14:** Christmas, Country Store, Ref. Shirley Lemieux

Winchester Grange has been busy during this fall season. On October 9, the Grange participated in Winchester Day, an event coordinated with the Winchester Center

Congregational Church, Winchester Center Volunteer Fire Dept., the Winchester Center Historical Association and the Little Red Schoolhouse. The church offered a quilt show and sold fried dough. The Historical Association provided tours of their museum and offered demonstration on pressing apple cider. The fire department showed off their equipment and a book sale was held at the Little Red Schoolhouse. The Grange contributed with a fall tag sale. All groups reported excellent attendance and participation. This event will definitely be repeated next year. It's always wonderful to see the entire community pull together for a common cause.

Our Holiday Bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 6 from 9:00 to 3:00 P.M. at the Grange Hall. Many vendors are signed up. Please join us!

### TAGHHANNUCK GRANGE #100

*Corr: Myrtle Hayden*

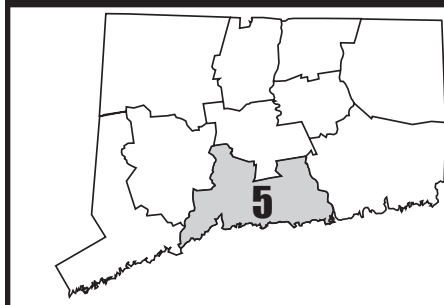
Our officers were installed on Sept. 23 very impressively by the Jody Cameron/Jeff Barnes Installing Team. Our exhibit at the Bethlehem Fair again won us a first prize.

Plans are being made for our annual Dictionary Project.

Also, our Harvest Dinner on Nov. 11th. As of October we meet at 7:30 instead of 8 P.M. and starting in November we only have one meeting a month until March.



## New Haven County Pomona No. 5



- Cheshire No. 23
- ✓ Wallingford No. 33
- ✓ North Haven No. 35
- ✓ Old Lyme No. 162

### WALLINGFORD GRANGE #33

*Corr: Dan Lauttenbach*

Our meetings and events in September were:

Sept. 9: This was our Fair Work night. No business was conducted.

Sept. 18: Our Fair was blessed with fine weather. We had more exhibits of vegetables, canning, bakery, and a surprising amount of needlework. We also had a candy entry. There was a tag sale that Marcia Cutrole was in charge of going on in the hall. Also Janet Haller's food booth outside doing business throughout the day. We also had a vendor selling handmade crafts on the front lawn. Bill Beaumont again donate his services decorating the hall with flowers, pumpkins, gourds and cornstalks. He also donated the corn and tomatoes for the supper. Veron Grant and his crew really out did themselves this year barbecuing the chickens for the dinner this year. John LeTourneau organized the kitchen and was helped by the students from Lyman Hall High School's Food Service. These young people were a real big help to our fair. There are more people who I have not mentioned who are members and those who were not; I would like to thank you all for all your help.

Sept. 23: We had a business meeting and discussed what happened at our past fair. I also discussion about the income and expenses that were incurred at the fair. Also passed around some pictures that were taken and hope that you get to see one. See attached.

November 11th: Our next meeting in November will be our Veterans Day program on the 11th put on by Natalie Yasensky.

November 25: Happy Thanksgiving! No Meeting.

### NORTH HAVEN GRANGE #35

*Corr: A. Tolette*

Nov. 2: Be Thankful- Bring food for Food Closet

Dec. 7: 125th Anniversary- Bring food for Food Closet

The leaves are turning color and also falling fast, but it still feels like summer isn't ready to go!

We had a nice mystery ride to the York Hill Campus of Quinnipiac University in Hamden. We saw the wind turbines which produce a good bit of electricity for the University. It is quite a site and a fabulous view. The new dorms and classrooms were quite something to see from the outside. The athletic center is up there too and has solar panels all over the roof. It was worth the ride.

We have welcomed some members from Totoket to our roster.

### OLD LYME GRANGE #162

*Corr: Barb Kulisch*

Nov. 12: "On My Watch"

Nov. 26: Omitted-- Happy Thanksgiving

By the time you will have read this column, we will have draped our charter in loving memory of Sis Geneiveve "Jean" Pernal who passed on September 17th.

We welcomed one new member in September and he has already become an active member.

We have chosen a new Community Service Project for this coming year and will continue to fill the "Wish List" at the Waterford Country School as we did last year.

We continue to hold a Country Store at our meetings to help defray the CWA project expenses so we do not have to take out any money from the treasury and the members seem to enjoy the evening.

Due to the Holidays, we will only meet once a month and it is always on the 2nd Friday of the month. We wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving!

Our door remains always open so come on down!

## Symbolism of the Third & Fourth Degrees

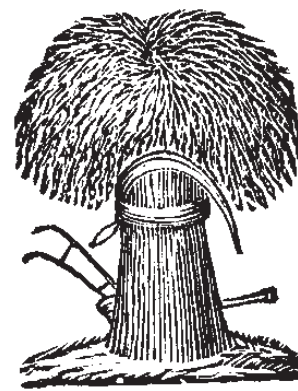
*Edith Schoell, State Historian*

Continuing with Rev. Grosh's ideas on the degrees...

**Third Degree:** "The Harvester's Emblem of this degree is a sickle, the implement and sign of his employment; and a wheatband, ready for binding the sheaf, denoting the subject of his labors; the whole signifying that the good harvester is to reap, collect, and bind together all he can find of truth, goodness, and beauty, in the harvest-field of life, this theatre of God's bounty.

"Another Emblem of this degree is a Heart in Halo, to signify the great virtue of this degree, an active, untiring, ever-glowing Charity, with the motto, "CHARITY NEVER FAILETH."

"The Emblem of a Gleaner, in this degree, is a Hand grasping Flowers mingled with Wheat-heads; denoting the employment of gathering remnants and fragments of the beautiful and the good, which else had been allowed to go to waste, and the duty to seek out and bring to notice all that is bright and lovely, which else had been unnoticed and unknown.



"Another emblem of this degree is a Heart in halo, resting on a Crown of Thorns, with the motto, "CHARITY ENDURETH," the double sense of 'endureth' being to bear all things, and to continue or remain notwithstanding all sufferings; thus rising above the afflicting thorns, and, by its success and triumph, converting them into a crown of glory..."

### Fourth Degree

"The Emblem of a Husband in this degree is the constellation of Ursa Major (Commonly called 'the dipper,' or 'Charlie's Wain' or the 'wagon'), with 'pointers' directing to the Pole or North Star above. The crowning motto, 'Fidelity,' teaches its emblematic meaning; and the motto beneath, 'IF I LOSE THEE, I AM LOST,' inculcates the great lesson of consequences resulting from its neglect.



## National Youth Awards

The 2010-2011 National Grange Youth Award winners:

### 2010 Horizon Leadership Award:

CA Youth Ambassador: Joseph Stefanoni  
 NY Youth Ambassadors: Jackie Turner and Robert Masti  
 NC Youth Ambassadors: Camille Harrison & Dewayne Craft  
 OH Youth Ambassadors: Hope and Steven Murphy  
 OR Youth Ambassador Loris Schnetzky  
 PA Youth Ambassadors: Jennifer Nauss and Michael Snyder  
 PA Young Couple: Dustin and Julie Kunkle  
 RI Young Couple: Haven and Roxanne Nelson

### The 2010 Legislative Experience winners:

Victor Salazar of CT; Aaron Gwinn of WA

### The 2010 National Grange Youth Officer Team members are:

Master Valentin DeLeon of NC; Overseer: Andrew Kieffer of PA; Lecturer: Elizabeth Faulkner of NC; Chaplain: Corey Spence of MA; Steward: Orrin Schnetzky of OR; Assistant Steward: Lynn Clark of NH; Lady Assistant Steward: Janice Knott of WA; Treasurer: Cody Stevens of NC; Secretary: Courtney Grey of NC; Gatekeeper: Jeff Johnson of OR; Ceres: Olivia Suing of OR; Flora: Alexa Suing of OR; Pomona: Kari Schnetzky of OR; Executive Committee: Braden Gourley of PA; Heidi Henderson of NY; Matt Clark of NH; Allissa Estes of NH.

Assisting as this year's National Grange Youth Mentors are Caroline Tart of North Carolina and Chris Szkutak of Massachusetts.

Please congratulate these youth and young adults and wish them luck as they prepare for representing their respective states in North Carolina this November.

"The Emblem of the Matron of this degree is a Crumbling Tablet of Stone, to show the perishable nature of the most durable of human efforts to record itself for future generations. The 'effacing fingers of time' surely, however slowly, obliterates the inscription, and the fine filaments of lichen and moss, aided by elemental changes, gradually consume the granite and the marble. In contrast is that other tablet- the living heart, - put for the soul of human kind; where undying 'Love' receives deeds of kindness and words of truth, and where unfading Memory treasures them..."

"The crossed pens are emblems of the means for writing these indelible impressions on the soul of childhood and youth, -the words of truth, the speech of love, written with the pens of kindness and carefulness. They are to serve also as reminders of this great duty of the good Matron.

"Another emblem of this degree is the Shock of grain Sheaves protected by a Rock. The former represents Plenty; the latter Protection and Safety. The Shock of Sheaves represents our Order."

## Big E Quilt Raffle

Debra Krinsky, Chief volunteer for the Manchester NH Veteran's Administration Medical Center; Matt Clark, President of the NE Grange Bldg. Board of Trustees pose with Gary Bryce of VT with the quilt raffled off. \$4,046 was raised for the VA during the Big E. The winner was Cindy Sima of Connecticut.



Cheshire Grange members work busy preparing dinner for the hungry diners at the annual Cheshire Community Fair held at the Grange Hall in September.



# Junior Grange

sponsored a "Fall Cookie Contest" at the Halloween Party; this not only supplied the refreshments for the evening, but added extra fun to the event. They gave prizes of \$5, \$3 and \$2 to adults and children for the "best" cookies! Thanks to the Juniors for their financial assistance not only on the Halloween Party, but throughout the year... a great group!

The Junior Grange was pleased to assist the Subordinate Grange in the special gift to Jody Cameron that was presented to him after his election as State Grange Master. The Juniors will be having a CAN AND BOTTLE DRIVE on SAT., NOV. 20th. Everyone is encouraged to bring their

empty cans and bottles to the Grange Hall between 9am & 5pm that day or call Leader, Rebecca Gervais (860-564-1139), to make other arrangements.

The children are already looking ahead to another outstanding play for Christmas! Way to go, kids!

A group of twenty-nine Juniors & parents gathered at Ekonk Hill Turkey Farm to enjoy the Corn Maze that the Hermonot family created to honor "Our Troops". The day was georgeous and activities included a visit to the petting zoo, a hay ride, walking the maze and finishing the afternoon enjoying delicious Ekonk Hill Turkey Farm ice cream: yum!

## HILLSTOWN JUNIOR GRANGE #87

Corr: Rita Schaefer

They were very busy last month. They had a tag sale to raise money for their projects and did very well. The weather was good to them.

They are planning to make pies at their November meeting.

As of this writing, no other plans have been made.

## EKONK JR. GRANGE #101

Corr: Sue Gray

The Junior Grange

# Fall Fun at Ekonk Junior



Ally Dinola (age 5, left) and Brianna Gervais (age 2, right) smile through the eyes of the pumpkin cutout at Ekonk Hill Turkey Farm's Corn Maze.



Ekonk Junior Grange members and parents post for a picture at the Ekonk Hill Turkey Farm Corn Maze entrance in October.

## In Memoriam

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|---------------------|------------------------|
| Charleen Dimmick    | Cheshire Grange #23    |
| Harriet K. Hyyppa   | Glastonbury Grange #26 |
| Jeannette Clemens   | Putnam Grange #97      |
| Andrew Schneider    | Taghannuck Grange #100 |
| Michel Eykelhoff    | Taghannuck Grange #100 |
| Frances Lagel, G.S. | Lyme Grange #147       |
| Geneiveve "Jean"    |                        |
| Pernal, G.S.        | Old Lyme Grange #162   |
| Edward Jones, G.S.  | Riverton Grange #169   |
| Pearl Godin         | Wolcott Grange #173    |

Please keep us notified of deceased members. Use the email or the regular mailing address listed on page 2 of this issue. Thank you.

## Chaplain's Message

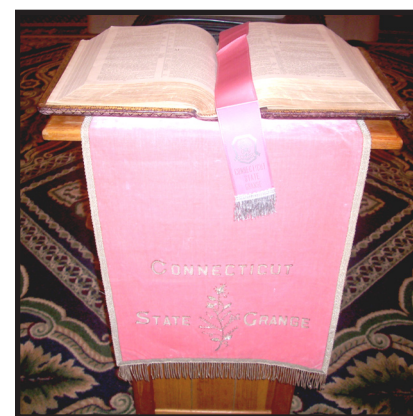


As we come into the season when we consider all of the blessings we have received let us consider the growth of our soul. Soul growth must come first. You are a soul in evolution and everything in your life has been custom designed to grow you into a greater expression of that soul,

which is the only thing that is important in life. Soul growth needs to come first before any inner healing or spiritual development can occur.

But what is the soul? The sunlight of God or spirit within us is gathered and caught by the lens of the soul and used to focus that energy to make changes in our outer worlds. The light or spirit within is always shining and you must take action with the soul to convert that light into something usable. The light of spirit is unconditional, impersonal and is always shining.

If you want to use that light of spirit, you have to do something with it. You also must work with the mechanism of your soul to focus the light of spirit within you for healing and growth. This is done mostly through prayer and meditation and by becoming the observer of our thoughts. Others have done it and you can do it too. You need to polish the soul lens also, from any impurities that would hinder the gathering of light. This is the process known as the healing of the soul, polishing it through forgiveness and observation of your thoughts. Your soul is the mediating principle between the spiritual you and the physical you. It is that which binds you together and makes you whole. Your soul aligns you, attunes you and adjusts you in harmony with your highest good. Welcome to the awakening of your soul.



Editor's Note: As many of you know, Sister Whitcomb was unable to attend State Session after falling at home. She was then admitted to Sharon Hospital. We are pleased to report that Sister Amy is now out of the hospital and is now rehabilitating at Sharon Health Care, 27 Hospital Hill Rd., Sharon 06069, Rm. 122. She will be there for at least 2 weeks (beginning Oct. 29). Any cards sent right out should reach her there. Otherwise, please send your cards to her home address: Box 4, Cornwall, CT 06753.

# Resolutions adopted at the 126<sup>th</sup> Annual Session

*Editor's Note: As most of these resolutions were printed in full in the last issue, we have only included the resolves. The complete resolutions will be available on the State Grange website and in the Journal of Proceedings.*

## 1) RE: LOWERING AGE OF BLOOD DONORS

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the CT State Grange urge the passage of legislation allowing 16 year olds who meet the weight and health requirements to become blood donors with written parental permission.

## 3) RE: NEW ENGLAND GRANGE BUILDING

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that each of the New England State Granges by copy of this resolution affirm that the New England Grange Building comply with the National Grange By-Laws concerning the presence of alcohol in Grange buildings and it not be the responsibility of any one of the State Granges.

## 4) RE: A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO ELLSWORTH M. "BUD" BEECHER

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange does hereby tender its heartfelt thanks and deep appreciation to Brother Ellsworth M. "Bud" Beecher for his many years of devoted service to Camp Berger, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director's Cabin, the only original building on the property still standing, which served as the base of the Camp just as "Bud" has been the base of the camp for all these years, be hereby named the "Ellsworth M. Beecher Cottage" and that the Camp Trustees Committee provide appropriate signage, and BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the records of the Connecticut State Grange as a permanent reminder of Brother Beecher's devotion and service to Camp Maud Isbell Berger.

## 6) RE: AMENDING THE BY-LAWS OF THE CONNECTICUT STATE GRANGE CONCERNING THE CAMP BERGER TRUSTEES

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Section 3 of Article IX of the By-Laws of the Connecticut State Grange be amended to read, "There shall be a Board of Trustees who shall be responsible for the successful operation and maintenance of Camp Maud Isbell Berger, consisting of five appointed fourth degree members in good standing, and State Officers ex-officio with full voting rights as follows: Master, Treasurer and Secretary. These trustees shall be appointed by the Master and Executive

Committee of the State Grange. The appointed members shall serve at the pleasure of the State Executive Committee.

## 8) RE: PUBLIC NOTICES IN NEWSPAPERS

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Grange urge our legislators to not eliminate public notices from the newspapers.

## 11) RE: REVISING THE PRESENT BOTTLE BILL

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange urge the Connecticut General Assembly to include all non carbonated metal, glass and plastic beverage containers up to one gallon in a revised bottle bill, giving the incentive to pick them up along the roadways, reducing the trash on the roadways even more.

## 12) RE: HATE CRIMES AGAINST THE HOMELESS

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange support the passage of legislation to add HOMELESS status to hate crime reporting and enforcement statutes, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to the next session of the National Grange together with a recommendation for favorable action thereon.

## 15) RE: SIZE OF STATE GRANGE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Article 9, Section 1 of the State Grange By-Laws be amended to read: "The Executive Committee shall consist of a five member board to be elected by ballot and shall hold their office for 3 years, two of whom shall be elected at each annual session and one every third year," and BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED we elect one person for three years and one person for two years at a special election at this session.

## 17) RE: SALES TAX EXEMPTION

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange Legislative Committee urge the Governor and our State Representatives to raise the \$50 tax exemption on clothing to \$100.

## 20) RE: APO & FPO ADDRESSES

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that all APO and FPO addresses shall cost the one zone charge only as this will allow someone from several zones away from New York or California to support their soldier, Marine, or seaman and not spend extra money on postage and to be able to send more and larger items.

## 22) RE: ATTAINING 501(C)(3) STATUS

WHEREAS the Connecticut State Grange is a non-profit organization, and WHEREAS the Connecticut State Grange was directed by the Delegates to investigate the possibility of becoming a 501(c)(3) organization, and WHEREAS becoming a 501(c)(3) organization will afford the Connecticut State Grange, as well as other levels of the Grange within the state the opportunity to secure products and services from businesses and other organizations looking to make tax deductible donations, and WHEREAS the Connecticut State Grange needs the assistance of an attorney to accomplish this.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange Board of Directors allocate funds, and hire a non-profit attorney to prepare and file the paperwork necessary to create a 501(c)(3) corporation.

## 23) RE: REDUCING COPIES OF LATE RESOLUTIONS

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the number of copies for late resolutions for the State Grange Session, be changed to meet with the present number of delegates.

## 24) RE: MILEAGE BY-LAW CHANGE

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Article IV, Section 7 of the CT State Grange By-Laws be changed to read: "Mileage will be paid at a rate to be determined by the Board of Directors of the CT State Grange for one round trip per Grange."

## 26) RE: NET NEUTRALITY

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange urge the National Grange to add wireless networks to its legislative policy concerning Broadband Regulation to ensure all Americans will have a free and open internet regardless of the network they use, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the National Grange for favorable action thereon.

## 28) RE: OUTDOOR WOOD BURNING FURNACES

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange be opposed to local banning or limiting the use of outdoor wood furnaces, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange oppose any new wood burning regulations on any wood burning apparatus as there are already regulations that address this issue, and BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED the Connecticut State Grange Legislative Committee inform the members of the Connecticut General Assembly

of the Grange's opposition.

## 30) RE: RETENTION OF GRANGERS WHO ARE STUDENTS

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange reduce the dues members age 14-23 (the age group defined as dependents in the National Grange Family Membership brochure) by 50%, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange encourage the Subordinate, Community and Pomona Granges to also reduce their dues for this age group, and BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to the next session of the National Grange together for a recommendation for favorable action thereon.

## 31) RE: ONLINE PROGRAM SCHEDULE

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange collect the programs of the Pomona and Subordinate Granges, organize them by date, and make them available to everyone on the State Grange website.

## 32) RE: LABELING FOR GLUTEN SENSITIVITY IN FOODS AND OTHER PRODUCTS SUCH AS MEDICATION

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange promote state and national legislation to REQUIRE clear labeling of food AND medicines as well as other products that may be ingested when they contain gluten in any form, or as gluten-free when they do not.

## 34) RE: FARMERS' SALES TAX EXEMPTION

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange, through its efforts and stated policy, make our legislators aware that abolishing the farmers' sales tax exemption will only imperil the viability of agriculture in Connecticut.

## 35) RE: GRANGE MUSIC COPYRIGHTS & TRADEMARK PROTECTION

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we urge The National Grange to pursue the procurement of music copyrights for all affected songs and marches, currently without copyright, included in the publication of "The Grange Songbook" – copyright 1983.

## 38) RE: DAIRY PRICES

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Grange support the reevaluation of the Milk Marketing Order System to a fairer payment method that will fairly pay farmers for the production of milk, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that part of the reevaluation also consider

a supply-side program that will require producers who increase production over a set percentage to be paid a minimum amount for the excess production to offset the losses of other producers as well as a possibility of uncoupling Class I Milk from the other 3 classes.

## 39) RE: MAPLE SYRUP PRODUCTION

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Grange support pilot programs as established by the Maple Producers Association in conjunction with the State of Connecticut, Department of Environmental Protection to establish, manage and operate a forest management plan for a State Forest in return for the right to tap the sugar maple trees in such forest.

## 40) RE: GRANGE INVOLVEMENT WITH THE FFA

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange work more closely with the Connecticut State FFA Association, which may include having a booth at the Connecticut State FFA Convention, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the National Grange develop a closer relationship with the National FFA Organization, which may include having a booth at the National FFA Career show during the National FFA Convention, and BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange forward this resolution to the National Grange with a recommendation for favorable action thereon.

## 41) RE: MASTER'S ADDRESS

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange supports the passage of legislation requesting the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Children and Families to work together to devise a process of cross notifications.

## 42) TELEVISION & RADIO COMMERCIAL VOLUME

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Grange urge our legislators to enact legislation to compel the radio and television industries to adjust commercial volume to be no higher than the program that precedes it.

## 43) RE: RAISING AWARENESS ABOUT ANIMAL ABUSE AND CHILD ABUSE

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Connecticut State Grange supports the passage of legislation requesting the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Children and Families to work together to devise a process of cross notifications.



Bob Sendewicz, Ruel Miller and Ross Stands await installation on the State Executive Committee.

State Master Cameron chats with Gordon Gibson at the Ekonk Grange Reception.



Connecticut's Past Voting Delegates being recognized on Friday afternoon.

Bob & Marge Sendewicz receive special gifts from the State Women's Activities Committee.



Past Voting Delegate Bud Beecher enjoys a moment with niece, and new Co-Director of Public Relations, Terri Fassio.



The 2010 Rose Drill Team.



Shelley St. Jean and Ashley Hermonot, both of Ekonk Comm. Grange, receive scholarships.



Bob Sendewicz and Jody Cameron at Ekonk Grange's reception for the new State Master.



The Junior Grange Raffle at the Saturday afternoon luncheon.



Members and friends packed the Sheraton ballroom for the Installation of Officers.



Director Joanne Cipriano presents the Membership Committee awards for 2010.



National Rep. Marty Bilquist of Montana.

# Your 2010-2011 Pink Sash Team

- Master/President ..... Jody Cameron
- Overseer ..... Jeffrey Barnes
- Lecturer/Program Director ..... Marge Bernhardt
- Steward ..... Noel Miller
- Assistant Steward ..... George Russell
- Lady Assistant Steward ..... Cynthia Finch
- Chaplain ..... Amy Whitcomb
- Treasurer ..... Philip Bergquist
- Secretary ..... Edith Schoell
- Gatekeeper ..... Robert Buck
- Ceres ..... Kimberly Mele
- Pomona ..... Debbie Barnes
- Flora ..... Carol Hnath
- Pianist ..... Mary Lou Keefe

### Executive Committee

- Gordon Gibson ..... 2011
- F. Philip Prelli ..... 2012
- A. Ruel Miller ..... 2012
- Ross Stands ..... 2012
- Robert Sendewicz ..... 2013

### Deputies

- General Deputy ..... Todd A. Gelineau
- Pomona Deputy East ..... James Palmer
- Pomona Deputy West ..... Donald Lanoue
- Central Pomona No. 1 ..... Pomona Deputy West & General Deputy
- Quinebaug Pomona No. 2 ..... J. Allen Cameron
- East Central Pomona No. 3 ..... Katherine Ruff
- Mountain County Pomona No. 4 ..... Victor K. Salazar
- New Haven County Pomona No. 5 ..... Carl H. Bernhardt
- New London County Pomona No. 6 ..... Pomona Deputy East & State Master
- Excelsior Pomona No. 7 ..... Eloise Osuch
- Fairfield County Pomona No. 9 ..... Joan Ziegler
- Farmington Valley Pomona No. 11 ..... Linea Erickson
- North Central Pomona No. 13 ..... Irene Percoski

### Family Activities

- Pat Palmer, Director
- Marge Sendewicz ..... Barbara Kulisch
- Gail Aylmer ..... Nancy Strong

### Membership Development & Retention

- James Lamoureux, Director
- Carl Manning ..... Joan Perry
- Karen Macdonald ..... Peter Keefe

### Youth

- Lisa Lamoureux, Director
- Katie Molodich ..... Samantha Hewston
- James Mele ..... Jean Meehan

### Junior

- Lisa Lamoureux, Director
- Sandy Phillips ..... Michelle DeDominicis
- Susan Pianka ..... Jaimie Cameron

### Legislative

- Alma Graham, Director
- Charles Dimmick ..... Russell Gray
- George Ward ..... Earl Phillips

### Agriculture

- Jonathan Russell, Director
- Jonathan Hermonot ..... Maggie Buck
- Ted Powell ..... Robert Miner

### Public Relations

- Terri Fassio, Co-Chairman
- Robert Charbonneau, Co-Chairman
- Don Offinger ..... Maggie Schofield
- Frank Forest

### Ritual (Code Reading)

- Todd A. Gelineau, Director
- Pomona Deputy East, James Palmer
- Pomona Deputy West, Donald Lanoue

### Social Connection

- Joanne Cipriano, Director
- Betty Jane Gardiner ..... Barbara Roberts

### Education (Student Loan)

- Nancy Weissmuller, Director

### Community Service

- Jeff & Debbie Barnes, Directors

### Camp Berger Trustees

- Linda Coad, Director
- Ronald Gunther ..... Thomas Perry